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SUBJ: CAPT. MINARIK'S REVELATIONS, AN AFTERGLOW

1. CAPT. MINARIK IS GONE FROM THE TUBE NOW. THE DAILIES, WEEKLIES, AND MONTHLIES HAVE PRINTED HIS REVELATIONS ABOUT SEVEN YEARS BEHIND THE SCENES AT RADIO FREE EUROPE. THE VERDICT OF MANY CZECHOSLOVAKS IS THAT MINARIK CAME BACK WITH VERY LITTLE OF VALUE, A FEW LETTERS FROM LOCAL PEOPLE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE GOC ALONG CLASSICAL LINES, AND SOME UNSURPRISING EVIDENCE OF SQUABBLING AMONG EMIGRE GROUPS.

2. POLITICAL JOKES ARE BEGINNING TO FILL THE VACUUM. MINARIK IS SEEN AS A CZECH JAMES BOND IN SOME. PEOPLE ALSO SAY THAT "NOW THAT THE CAPTAIN IS FINISHED, WAIT UNTIL COL. PACHMAN (A CZECH CHESS CHAMPION WHO DEFECTED TWO DECADES AGO) RETURNS. HE WILL TELL ALL." DITTO "GENERALS PELIKAN AND GOLDSTUCKER."

3. WHAT RESULTS DID THE MOST MASSIVE SINGLE GOC AGITPROP EFFORT IN RECENT YEARS PRODUCE? PERHAPS IT WAS A TONIC TO GET THE POPULACE UP FOR THE COMING PARTY CONGRESS, BUT ONE SLOVAK COMMENTED, "IT DIDN'T TELL US ANYTHING NEW ABOUT RFE AND HAS ONLY REMINDED US OF A LOT OF OLD DEFECTORS PEOPLE HAD BEGUN TO FORGET." PERRY

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